

strong push for a negotiated two-state solution that allows for substantial buy-in from Israelis, Palestinians, and the international community—unilateral actions will only serve to deteriorate progress and deter future collaboration. Let us call on the lessons of Ambassador Holbrooke's work and the strength and resilience of all those affected by conflict in Bosnia to pursue a lasting peace between Arabs and Israelis.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF GOODWIN STEINBERG

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Goodwin Steinberg, a renowned architect and an active and affectionate community builder, who died on December 14, 2010. For half a century, Goody Steinberg designed and developed spaces for professional, civic and sacred uses. He was a giant who will be missed by his family, his friends, and everyone who was touched by his wise, wonderful and gentle ways.

As his grandchildren remembered their grandfather at his memorial service at Temple Beth Am—the magnificent structure he designed which is now home to some 1,600 families—their heartfelt words, and the very woodwork, paid eloquent tribute to this extraordinarily talented, creative, and caring community member. One after another, they spoke of how valued he made them feel, and how they knew that they were cherished. This love for family was the essence of Goody Steinberg, and we all benefited from it.

The projects that Goody designed are now iconic symbols of Silicon Valley and its development from the fruit-growing Valley of the Hearts Delight into the equally fruitful birthplace of ideas and innovation that it is today. Beth Am, designed so that his daughter could attend a religious school to learn Jewish traditions, is a much loved “house of the people,” the Hebrew translation of its name. Indeed, everywhere people gathered, Goody transformed into a house of the people. In his nearly half-century career as an architect, he designed the restoration of the Santa Clara County Courthouse, the Tech Museum of Innovation and the Del Monte Hotel in Monterey. The campus of Stanford University and the entire San Francisco Peninsula bear the indelible mark of his warm and welcoming designs, infused with light, love and laughter.

Goody served his community well, and glowed with justifiable pride in the community involvement and contributions of his family, proud of their generosity and accomplishments. His wife Geraldine served with distinction on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in the 1970s, and nothing made Goody happier than the day his son Robert joined the family business, Steinberg Architects, now an international architectural firm with offices as far afield as Shanghai.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Goodwin Steinberg's exemplary life and his multitude of accomplishments. I ask also that the entire House of Representatives extend its most sincere condolences to his wife of 66 years, Geraldine; his children Robert (and Alice Erber) of Palo Alto, Thomas (and Shaindel) of New York and Jerusalem, and Joan Laurence of Tsfat, Israel; his 11 grandchildren, and his late grandson Jacob Erber Steinberg; three great grandchildren; and sisters, Sylvia and Darlene.

On entering a synagogue, Jews begin the Ma Tovu, a prayer of awe and reverence for their sacred spaces, with the words, “How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!” As Beth Am congregants enter the sanctuary he designed, they will forever be reminded of Goody Steinberg and the goodly tents he established everywhere he went. He built this city on rock and soul, from the ground up, and his family and his designs stand as magnificent memorials to Goody Steinberg's extraordinary creativity and humanity. America has been bettered in so many ways because of him.

‘O WHAT A GAL IN HONOR OF
OPRAH WINFREY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a friend who works every day to bring wounded warriors and Make a Wish youth to our Capitol, I would like to include the following in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at his request.

Dedicated to Oprah Winfrey, the Promise of American . . . and what dreams, courage and faith are made of. Your life and your example, are one more watershed moment in time . . . in the healing and the growth of America! May God Bless you always, as you have blessed so many others with your kind heart. I ask that

this poem penned in honor of Oprah Winfrey by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

‘O WHAT A GAL!

‘O . . . What a Gal!

‘O what a Woman, ‘O what a Lady . . . who so stands before us now!

‘O . . . what A Great American Tale. . . .

And ‘O, what a journey, through life in her profiles in courage, so now . . .

‘O, The American Dream . . .

‘O, The Promise of what all of this so means . . . to be American and so very proud!

‘O, from the bottom to the top . . .

‘O, as against all odds . . . even with all that discrimination and hatred, she would not be stopped!

From fields of slavery of yesteryears,

‘O . . . as her loved ones in heaven, now watch over her with tears!

Oprah!

Teaching us all, with your lessons of life . . . of answering its quest and its call!

To be a champion of what is right!

With your heart of kindness, all in your search of the truth as you went out into that night . . .

All in your warmth and love, as you fought that fight!

Teaching us all . . . that, ‘O . . . Black is Beautiful!

All on her pilgrimage of truth and caring, sharing, loving and teaching . . . she brought her light.

‘O, the proof of what one life can mean!

An American Heroine, as now almost like an American Queen . . .

‘O, in this our world . . . and in our lives!

Will we so find the courage? . . . The Sacrifice? . . . To Fight, To Fight The Good Fight?

To make a difference, with these our so short lives!

‘O, an American hero . . . touching our hearts, bringing your light!

Oprah Winfrey, is a Winner . . . A Light . . . A Great Beacon of Hope . . . of which shines this night!

The power of hope and courage . . .

All determination, and faith can so nourish what is right!

‘O, Win your Heart is open!

Win you believe! Win . . . your heart is Free! There's nothing you can not so be!

Win . . . you stop to believe!

Win . . . you take from pain and heartache, and rebuild . . . we all can be Free!

Children, Win . . . your . . . Free!

There's nothing, that you can not so do! There's nothing, that you can not so be!

Listen my children, as your future dreams you are building . . . remember, Oprah Winfrey!